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REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

25X1X PIC 1. Soviet Troops Departing from Saalfeld

25X1A 2. Field Exercises Northwest of Gera

EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Between 16 and 19 April 1951, the troops in the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld were engaged in loading work. Small columns of troops left Saalfeld on 19 April. A convoy of trucks loaded with boxes and billeting equipment left the post on 27 April, heading north.
2. Soviet troops of not less than regimental strength conducted field exercises in the area of Bad Koestritz, eight km northwest of Gera. German Volkspolizei units participated in the exercises.
3. Prior to 25 April 1951, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne in Saalfeld quartered about 1,000 troops, about two-thirds of whom wore black-bordered crimson epaulets and the rest red-bordered black epaulets. Since 25 April, only a rear unit of about 50 men has been observed in the installation. Local residents said that the troops left for the Ohrdruf maneuver area, as they had done in preceding years. [REDACTED] left the billeting area on 23 April, proceeding toward Rudolstadt. Since the departure of the troops, the northern barracks gate has been closed. The southern gate was guarded by a double sentry who wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. \*

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Comment. The information indicates that the 120th Ltz Rifle Regt and the 15th (Gds ?) Tank SP Regt of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div from the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne, Saalfeld, moved to Ohrdruf. Other elements of the 39th Gds Ltz Rifle Div from Meiningen and Plauen are believed to have been at Ohrdruf since mid-April 1951.

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